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Provider News

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• Family Pages

The Summer edition of the Family Pages newsletter is now available. Please feel free to share with families! Click [here](#) to find it on the Delaware Opportunities Inc. website.

• Reminders

Programs must have parental permission to apply over the counter topical ointments, lotions and creams, sprays including sunscreen products and topically applied insect repellent (TO/S/R). Programs must also store TO/S/R in a clean area that is inaccessible to children. If your program administers TO/S/R it is a good time to:

- Review your files and make sure you have written permission from parents to apply TO/S/R
- Review your health care plan which states where you are storing your TO/S/R. If you need to make changes to your health care plan for example, you would like to store sunscreen in a different location, talk to your registrar or licensor. All changes or revisions to the health care plan must be reviewed and approved by your registrar or licensor before the program can implement the change.

• Keeping Track of Parents Who Call Looking for Child Care

with Raquel Tom Copeland's Taking Care of Business

<http://tomcopelandblog.com/>

When a prospective client calls your family child care home you want to keep a record of their call so you can follow up later. Create a form that allows you to gather:

- the parent's contact information (name, address, phone number and email)
- children's names and birthdates
- how they heard about you
- desired start date
- rate quoted
- date and time interview is scheduled
- If parent declined interview, why?
- If you turned down parent, why? (ex. No space available at this time)
- Parent concerns/needs etc.
- Follow up dates and notes

• Tip Sheet on Lyme Disease

The Office of Children and Family Services has a new tip sheet on Lyme Disease. The tip sheet includes how to prevent lime disease, common places for ticks to hide, how to remove a tick and symptoms of Lyme disease. Visit <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/infoforproviders.asp> to view and print the tip sheet.

- **Upcoming Training**

- **Webcast Training for Child Care Providers**

- **-October 25, 2018: Town Hall Meeting: Examining the Business Side of Child Care**

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Training starts promptly at 6:45 pm. No cost. For training descriptions, OCFS training topic areas and to register for the webcast training please visit <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/>.

- **First Aid and Infant and Adult CPR**

- **-September 22, 2018 • 9am-1pm • Delaware County Department of Emergency Services, 280 Phoebe Lane, Suite 3, Delhi, NY 13753 • Refresher \$40.00 / New \$80.00**
Registration is Required. Contact Maggie Wilson at 607-832-5600

- **Math Counts!**

On June 14th Raquel Saddlemire and Kathleen Harland from the Capital District Child Care Council presented Math Counts at Sissy's Little Lambs Children's Center in Davenport. The training focused on introducing math to young children and understanding early math concepts. Participants also had the opportunity to explore developmentally appropriate materials and literature for young children that foster early math. One of the favorite math activities shared was called Clothesline Stew. Raquel used a chip and dip bowl to separate materials to make a small clothesline as well as some tiny clothes cut from felt. Raquel had "recipe" cards made up instructing the child to choose 1 clothesline, 2 clothespins, 3 shirts...). Basically, each child picks a card, identifies each number, counts out each "ingredient", and places it in a pot. Once all the ingredients are in the pot stir it up then create a clothesline! Raquel told the participants that she was inspired to DIY the game after seeing it on Facebook. The game and all the details can be found at Pocket of Preschool (www.pocketofpreschool.com). There you will find how to play, where to find materials, examples of different kinds of counting stews, etc. The photo above (from Pocket of Preschool) shows children playing a game of Construction Stew.



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- **A new addition to the water table**

Water play in the sensory table is a popular activity in most programs. Measuring cups, spoons, funnels and other containers are common items that are found in most sensory tables and these items never seem to grow old. It's always fun to add something new to the sensory table and a great way to spark curiosity, creative thinking and problem solving. Try adding a few new items to your water table but keep it simple.

- Clear plastic tubing, funnels, plastic bottles, measuring cups, water
- Shells, sea animals, small fish tank nets, water
- Ice, a little water just to make the ice float, colanders, and slotted spoons

Keep the items the children typically use in a crate or container close by so they can find what they need when they need it...that favorite pink bucket may make a perfect home for the fish they just caught with the fish net!

